PDS benificiaries

2387. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people getting benefited by the Public Distribution System in the country for the last three years, State-wise;

(b) how many States have subsidized foodgrains, sugar and kerosene for BPL families under PDS;

(c) whether it is a fact that in many States below poverty line people cannot by food items due to the monthly distribution system existing there;

(d) the States, which have monthly and weekly public distribution system; and

(e) whether Government have taken any steps to recommend the respective State Governments to make the distribution weekly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM-RAJU): (a) to (e) PDS Control Order—2001 notified on 31.8.2001 provides for weekly drawal of ration by the cardholders.

The State-wise details of ration cardholders under the TPDS during the last 3 years is given in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below)

The information regarding the States/UTs which have subsidized foodgrains, sugar and kerosene for BPL families under PDS is not maintained by the Central Government.

No. of Ration Card Holders under TPDS

(in lakhs)

S.No.	States/UTs	1999	2000	2001
1.	Andhra Pradesh	164.78	164.79	167.67
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3.34	3.48	3.68
3.	Assam	42.48	42.52	44.56
4.	Bihar	173.00	173.00	173.00

S.No.	States / UTs	1999	2000	2001
5.	Goa	3.02	3.11	3.17
6.	Gujarat	104.85	106.20	106.58
7.	Haryana	41.59	43.73	43.20
8.	Himachal Pradesh	11.78	12.41	12.22
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	13.48	13.48	13.48
10.	Karnataka	111.48	111.78	112.69
11.	Kerala	61.37	62.62	63.45
12.	Madhya Pradesh	133.78	177.83	177.83
13.	Maharashtra	193.98	194.38	196.16
14.	Manipur	1.80	1.80	1.80
15.	Meghalaya	1.95	1.95	1.95
16.	Mizoram	1.73	1.73	2.30
17.	Nagaland	2.01	2.01	2.01
18.	Orissa	80.80	81.08	81.08
19.	Punjab	52.21	49.95	55.12
20.	Rajasthan	98.07	104.23	104.23
21.	Sikkim	0.66	0.66	0.66
22.	Tamil Nadu	154.92	157.77	161.01
23.	Tripura	6.86	6.86	6.78
24.	Uttar Pradesh	255.44	255.44	255.44
25.	West Bengal	156.24	156.24	158.95
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	0.85	0.86	0.86
27.	Chandigarh	2.05	2.12	2.12
28.	D & N Haveli	0.32	0.32	0.33
29.	Daman & Diu	0.29	0.30	0.30
30.	Delhi	34.45	36.55	37.24
31.	Lakshdweep	0.12	0.13	0.13
32.	Pondicherry	2.53	2.54	2.67
33.	Chhattisgarh	—	—	22.69
34.	Jharkhand	—	—	28.43
35.	Uttaranchal	—	—	21.78